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SUBJECT: PREMIER'S ORAL PRESENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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1. SUMMARY: IN HIS FEBRUARY 27 ORAL PRESENTATION OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE YUAN, PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO EMPHASIZED THREE ISSUES: ANTI-COMMUNISM AND NATIONAL SALVATION, TAIWAN AS A PART OF CHINA, AND POLITICS AND RESPONSIBILITY. HIS 90-MINUTE SPEECH WAS UNUSUAL BECAUSE, UNLIKE IN THE PAST, IT BORE ALMOST NO RESEMBLANCE TO THE CONTENTS OF THE PREPARED ORAL REPORT. END SUMMARY.

2. THE PREMIER ENTERED THE LEGISLATIVE YUAN ASSEMBLY HALL JUST A FEW MINUTES BEFORE THE SESSION OPENED AND SHOOK HANDS WITH A FEW LEGISLATORS WHO CAME UP TO GREET CONFIDENTIAL

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HIM, BUT OTHERWISE SAT THROUGH THE 20-MINUTE OPENING OF

BUSINESS ACTIVITIES QUIETLY. HIS SPEECH LASTED FOR 90 MINUTES, BUT HE WAS NEARLY HALFWAY THROUGH THE SPEECH BEFORE HE HIT HIS STRIDE. DURING THE FIRST FORTY MINUTES (IN WHICH HE DISCUSSED LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE) HE SPOKE IN A LOW VOICE, AND HIS SPEECH WAS SLOW-PACED, OFTEN HALTING. BUT DURING THE FINAL FIFTY MINUTES, WHEN HE DISCUSSED THE THREE ISSUES MENTIONED ABOVE, HE RETURNED TO HIS BEST ANIMATED SPEAKING STYLE, QUICK-PACED, VIGOROUS, AND FORCEFUL, MAKING (AND IN SOME CASES ACTING OUT) QUIPS AND DRAWING HIS AUDIENCE ALONG WITH HIM.

3. THE PREMIER'S DISCUSSION OF ANTI-COMMUNIST AND NATIONAL SALVATION WAS PRO FORMA IN SUBSTANCE BUT UNUSUAL IN THE AMOUNT OF VIGOR HE GAVE TO IT. THE PREMIER SAID THAT THE COMMUNISTS ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO CHINA BECAUSE THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT COMMUNIZATION OF CHINA IS A NECESSARY STEP TOWARD COMMUNIZATION OF THE ENTIRE WORLD. IT IS FOR THIS REASON, HE SAID, THAT THE ROC AND THE CHINESE PEOPLE MUST OPPOSE COMMUNISM. POINTING TO THE EXPERIENCE OF THE FRENCH AND ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTIES, THE PREMIER SAID THAT THE COMMUNIST WORLD HAS BEGUN TO DISINTEGRATE.

4. TURNING TO THE SITUATION ON THE MAINLAND, THE PREMIER SAID THAT THE RISE OF HUA KUO-FENT, WHICH HAD COME AS A SURPRISE TO ALL, PROVED THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS CANNOT BE PREDICTED ON THE BASIS OF RATIONAL ANALYSIS AND SHOWED THAT INTERNAL STRIFE WITHIN THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY IS EXTREMELY SHARP. HUA'S APPOINTMENT AND THE INVITATION TO FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON TO VISIT THE PRC, HE NOTED, WERE SIGNS THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS HAVE LOST THEIR HEADS AND THAT THE PRC IS DEFINITELY HEADING FOR COLLAPSE.

5. THE PREMIER THEN TURNED TO THE QUESTION OF TAIWAN AS A PART OF CHINA, REFUTING THE CONCEPT OF "TAIWAN IS TAIWAN AND CHINA IS CHINA." THE PREMIER EMPHASIZED THAT TAIWAN IS A PROVINCE OF THE ROC AND IS INSEPARABLE FROM CHINA FROM ANY POINT OF VIEW -- GEOGRAPHICALLY, ETHNICALLY, CULTURALLY, AND HISTORICALLY. THE PREMIER WARNED THAT THOSE WHO WANT TAIWAN TO GO A SEPARATE WAY ARE PLAYING INTO THE HANDS OF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS AND DESTROYING CONFIDENTIAL

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THEMSELVES. HE ALSO DENOUNCED CHINESE FROM TAIWAN WHO DISCLAIM THEIR CHINESE NATIONALITY WHILE ABROAD BY CLAIMING TO BE TAIWANESE. THE NATION, HE SAID, IS IN A LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE AND IN ORDER TO WIN THIS STRUGGLE MUST BE WHOLLY UNITED. ONLY THEN CAN THE NATION SURVIVE AND BRING HOPE OF SALVATION TO COMPATRIOTS ON THE MAINLAND.

6. IN THE CONCLUDING PORTION OF HIS SPEECH, THE PREMIER

SPOKE ABOUT POLITICS AND RESPONSIBILITY, DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM, AND THE RIGHT TO CRITICIZE THE GOVERNMENT. THE PREMIER SAID THE GROC IS AN OPEN GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS NOTHING TO HIDE FROM THE PEOPLE. HE ALSO SAID THE GROC IS A RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT WHICH ENTERTAINS NO SENSE OF FALSE SECURITY. STRESSING THAT THIS HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE HIS POLICY, HE ADDED THAT EVERYONE MUST FULFILL HIS SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO THE NATION.

7. REFERRING TO THE QUESTION OF A FOREIGN JOURNALIST IN AN INTERVIEW WITH HIM, THE PREMIER EMPHASIZED THAT THERE IS NO MEASURE OR LIMIT TO DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM IN THE ROC. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT ONE MAY SPEAK FOR THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS OR DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF MAO'S PUBLICATIONS IN TAIWAN. THERE IS ONLY ONE YARDSTICK FOR MEASURING THE DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM OF THE ROC, HE STRESSED, AND THAT IS NATIONAL SECURITY AND NATIONAL INTEREST.

8. AS TO THE QUESTION OF THE RIGHT OF CRITICISM, THE PREMIER SAID THAT THE GROC DOES NOT OPPOSE BUT IN FACT WELCOMES CRITICISM; HOWEVER, THIS CRITICISM MUST BE REASONABLE AND JUSTIFIED. HE STRONGLY CONDEMNED THOSE WHO CRITICIZED MERELY FOR THE SAKE OF CRITICISM.

9. COMMENT: IN DISCUSSING THE THREE ISSUES DESCRIBED ABOVE, THE PREMIER WAS SOMETIMES EMOTIONAL, AT OTHER TIMES STERN, AND IN THE OPINION OF ONE CHINESE OBSERVER, OCCASIONALLY EXPRESSED ANGER. AS NOTED ABOVE, HIS DISCUSSION OF ANTI-COMMUNISM AND NATIONAL SALVATION WAS SUBSTANTIALLY PRO FORMA. BUT THE OTHER TWO ISSUES HE RAISED ARE WORTHY OF ATTENTION.

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10. THE PREMIER'S REMARKS ON TAIWAN AS A PART OF CHINA APPEAR TO BE DIRECTED AT THOSE WHO (ESPECIALLY IN THE RECENT LEGISLATIVE YUAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND IN THE NOW-SUSPENDED TAIWAN POLITICAL REVIEW) EXPRESSED THEIR OPPOSITION TO CONTINUED MAINLANDER RULE OR ADVOCATED A SEPARATE STATUS FOR TAIWAN, THOSE WHO MAY PRIVATELY SHARE THESE VIEWS, AND TIM MEMBERS ABROAD. ALTHOUGH THE PREMIER IN OTHER SPEECHES HAS STRESSED THE NEED FOR NATIONAL UNITY, THE UNUSUAL FORCEFULNESS OF HIS PRESENTATION IN THE LEGISLATIVE YUAN MAY SUGGEST A GROWING CONCERN ON HIS PART ABOUT DOMESTIC DISSENSION. NONETHELESS, WE ARE SOMEWHAT PUZZLED BY THE TIMING AND FORUM IN WHICH THESE REMARKS WERE MADE.

1. THE PREMIER'S REMARKS ON POLITICS AND RESPONSIBILITY,

DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM, AND THE RIGHT OF CRITICISM APPEAR
IN PART TO REVERT TO A THEME CONTAINED IN THE PREPARED
ORAL REPORT (SEE REFTEL) OF DISSATISFACTION WITH THE
IMAGE OF THE ROC REFLECTED IN THE FOREIGN PRESS. THEY
ARE ALSO, HOWEVER, LINKED TO THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY
THE PREMIER IN HIS DISCUSSION OF TAIWAN AS A PART OF
CHINA AND MAY BE A WARNING TO THOSE AT HOME WHO MIGHT BE
INCLINED TO STEP OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF
DEMOCRACY, FREEDOM, AND RESPONSIBLE CRITICISM AS DEFINED
BY THE GROC.

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